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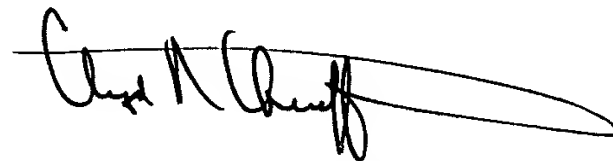
REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 4 and 8-15 are allowed. Rejected claims 1-3 and 5-7 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The foregoing separate sheets marked as "Listing of Claims" shows all the claims in the application, with an indication of the current status of each.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed the case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

If an extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account 50-0510 (IBM-Yorktown).

Respectfully submitted,



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